(b) what action is proposed to be taken against the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has addressed the Commissioner, Food and Drug Control Authority (FDCA) Gujarat in 1992 about M/s Themis Chemicals Ltd. Vapi, District Valsad selling their product "Tiicox" at a price higher than the approved price without obtaining any price approval from Government in this regard. The matter was enquired into by the FDCA Gujarat. As per the enquiry, *prima facie*, M/s Themis Chemicals Ltd. has been selling Tricox tablets during the period 12.5.92 to 3.8.92 at a price higher than the one fixed by Government under the Drugs Prices Control Order (DPCO) 1987.

(b) The company has been issued a show causing notice by the NPPA in March, 2000 before initiating action under the relevant provisions of the DPCO 1995.

Nursing Colleges in Assam

3990. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of nursing colleges functioning, at present, in the State of Assam;

(b) whether Government propose to set up any new nursing institute in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) There is only one Nursing College functioning at present in the State of Assam.

(b) to (d) Under the scheme 'Development of Nursing Services' Government is providing grant-in-aid to open new Nursing Schools in the Country. Under this scheme, two Nursing School in Assam namely (i) School of Nursing, Down-Town Hospital, Guwahati; and (ii) School of Nursing Hill-Town, Guwhati, had been sanctioned in

1995-96 and 1997-98 respectively. However, no further proposal has been received from Government of Assam to open any new nursing school in the State.

Mismanagement of Health Scheme in Pant Hospital

3991. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Statesman, dated 18th November, 2000, under the caption, "Mismanagement of Health Scheme in Pant Hospital alleged";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had conducted any enquiry to ascertain the irregularities in the local purchase by the Hospital; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The scheme 'Delhi Arogya Nidhi' is being implemented by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi in all hospitals of Delhi and is for the welfare of the poor patients. As per the scheme, funds are sanctioned to poor persons as per the provisions of the Act for getting necessary costly treatment from Government Hospitals. The Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that no specific complaint regarding mismanagement of the scheme has been received.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Non-Availability of Basic Amentities in Safdarjung Hospital

3992. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Statesman, dated 4th February, 2001, under the caption, "Basic amenities missing in Safdarjung Hospital";

(b) if so, the details thereof;